

# Greenbelt News Review

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## Council Supports Move to Designate Center School as a Historic Site

By Bill Rowland

The preservation of Greenbelt Center School in its original exterior appearance was given a significant boost on December 5 when Greenbelt's city council decided to join with the Art Deco Society of Washington in asking that the building be designated as a county historic site. The move by council is aimed at saving the landmark structure while at the same time encouraging the county Board of Education to renovate the interior of the building for continuing classroom use. The concurrent recommendations of the city and the Art Deco Society must now be considered by the Prince Georges County Historic Preservation Commission and be given final approval by the county council.

The city's decision came after council had earlier in the evening conducted a public hearing on the subject. During the hearing, Leta Mach, President of the school's PTA, gave the views of that organization to council. In a prepared statement, Mach recalled that the PTA had "emphasized the heritage of our school" in a statement to the Board of Education in August, and "That is why we asked that the front wall of the school be saved when the building is renovated." But, Mach told council, "The primary concern of the Greenbelt Center Elementary School PTA is the education of our children. For that reason, we strongly support the desperately needed renovation of Center School. . . . We have no objection to the designation of Center School as a county historic site if this designation does not jeopardize or postpone the renovation of the school."

Mach suggested that ". . . it may well be that the best way to renovate . . . would involve

knocking out a wall such as the (north-facing exterior) cafeteria wall, which is not original. . . . We believe flexibility is crucial to meeting the educational needs of our school and preserving its special character." Mach concluded by saying that "The . . . PTA is happy to support anything which recognizes the special worth of our school while still permitting it to change as conditions require."

### Other Spokesmen

Alan Virta, President of the county's Historic Preservation Commission, told council that the PTA position is compatible with the historic site preservation guidelines. Richard Striner, President of the Art Deco Society of Washington, expressed his pleasure with the PTA position.

Council also heard from Keith Chernikoff and Albert Herling, both of whom supported the proposed designation of the school as a historic site. Herling expressed concern that the combi-

nation of preservation and renovation might lead to thoughts of moving part or all of the building's facade. He voiced his hope that the facade will be left where it is in what he called its "original glory."

Council also considered a report by the city's Advisory Planning Board, which recommended that the city join with the Art Deco Society as a co-sponsor. According to APB, designation as a historic site would permit routine maintenance of the school's exterior. Changes to the exterior would require guidance by historical preservationists and approval by the county's Historic Preservation Commission. If the city objected to such changes, a two-thirds vote of the Commission would be necessary before the changes could proceed. In addition, the city would get to review any work permit application for exterior work before its approval.

Council members had some misgivings because no representative of the Board of Education had attended the public hearing. There was also concern that the Board of Education could decide on a cost basis not to renovate a "preserved" Center School, but instead to transfer its educational functions elsewhere.

Nonetheless, council voted unanimously to join in sponsorship of the historic site application, but with the concerns of Center School PTA that renovation not be jeopardized or delayed made a part of the city's request.

## Holiday Inn Opens for Business In Maryland Trade Center Park

by Elaine Skolnik

The city's first hotel, Holiday Inn-Greenbelt, opened with class on November 21. Marking the occasion was a week of events starting with a reception for secretaries, followed by a V.I.P. bash and ending with ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

The 208-room, full-service hotel, is located in the 34-acre Maryland Trade Center Park adjacent to the Greenway Shopping Center. Overlooking the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Beltway, the seven-story, winter-white stucco structure can be expanded to 400 rooms. The hotel will eventually assume a cross shape to allow for the increase.

The hotel was constructed mainly with prefabricated materials. Cement walls, ceilings and floors were brought to the site, then assembled and stacked like dominoes. There are 101 king-leisure rooms and 92 double-doubles (two double beds

in a room), as well as 13 rooms for the handicapped. Featured also is a 212-seat combination restaurant/lounge, called Celebrations, which overlooks an outdoor pool, deck and dining area.

The project is a joint venture between Coakley & Williams, Inc.

and Sunstates Properties, Inc. of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Coakley & Williams was also the general contractor and its Hotel Division is managing and operating the facility. The Holiday Inn-Greenbelt is the com- See HOLIDAY INN, p. 6, col. 1



Greenbriar signs cable TV agreement with Storer on December 14. Pictured from left to right (seated) are Victoria Hatter, Greenbriar Phase I president; Lynn Myers, Phase II president; Charles Hookey, Storer general manager; and Paul Sinkovic, Greenbriar Condominiums Association president. Winfield Kelly, standing, heads group of investors who are purchasing Storer's franchises in Northern Prince Georges County. In a December 7 letter to Sinkovic, Kelly promises to uphold agreements such as the one just signed between Greenbriar and Storer.

— photo by J. Henson

## Processing of Subcontracts Delays Cable TV Hook-ups

by Robyn Small

The City of Greenbelt has cable TV, but it might be a long time before all residents can enjoy its benefits. Right now, about five hundred free-standing homes have cable, a small portion of the city's 8000 dwellings.

One of the problems, according to Storer Cable Systems Manager Charles Hookey, is the need to work out sub-contracts with the various housing developments in Greenbelt. According to Hookey, agreements have been completed with GHI and Windsor Green, and also with Charles-towne Village. "We've just about wrapped up Greenbriar," he added, stressing that once the contract is awarded, a great deal of time goes into planning before any actual work is done. (An agreement with Greenbriar was signed on December 14, see photo). Storer owns the cables, but the company relies on C & P Telephone Company and PEPCO to rent the space for installing them.

Storer was awarded the Greenbelt franchise in January, 1982. At that time, the company said it would take 18 months to get ready to offer service to the residents. However, this deadline has not been realized. According to Mike McLaughlin, Greenbelt administrative assistant, the city council is aware of the time factor involved in securing agreements with the various subdivisions and has met with Storer to keep posted on the company's progress in the city. McLaughlin says "it appears they're (Storer) over-extended adding that the company has several other franchises besides Greenbelt.

Hookey says it will be some

time before all of the city gets wired for cable, specifically because of the required sub-agreements. Work has begun in the G.H.I. area. Not all of the city has been marketed yet either.

An original offering by the company of 12 channels (five access and seven local stations) was denied by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC ruled that Storer's plans to market the 12 channels on a Universal Tier would be discriminatory against other local channels. There are 17 local channels in the Baltimore-Washington area; Storer's plan would have excluded five of the local stations. Hookey says the company's plan now is to market all 17 channels on the universal tier, which, except for an installation charge, is free.

Hookey could offer no date for having all of Greenbelt wired; however, the city council is planning for that day. During the past month, the council conducted interviews for appointment to the Public Access Advisory Committee. McLaughlin says this committee, appointed December 12, will oversee some of the cable programming for Greenbelt.

As of now, the city's Municipal building is hooked up, and plans are underway for the wiring of the Recreation and Youth Centers. Hookey says Storer should start on Windsor Green by the end of the year, but it's going to be a while before cable is on many of the TV sets of Greenbelt.

### BULLETIN

After years of steady losses, the Greenbelt Co-operative, Inc. Board of Directors has voted to discontinue its two ailing operational divisions, food stores and service stations, during the next several months including those in Greenbelt. The Co-op will continue to develop its profitable line of Scan furniture stores.

### Holiday Refuse Schedule

Because of the Christmas Holiday, there will be no refuse collection on Monday, December 26, 1983. Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday. THERE WILL BE NO PAPER PICK UP THAT WEEK. Thursday and Friday will be on regular schedule.



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## Role Overstated

To the Editor:

Your article on the tax differential legislation in the December 15, issue by Charles F. Schwan, Jr. overstated my role and failed to give credit to many other persons. The article stated that I headed a small group of municipal officials who met with County Executive Glendening and his representatives to work out the tax differential formula and guidelines. That is not correct.

I chaired a group of administrators who prepared alternative formulas for a Tax Differential Committee of elected and appointed officials of the Prince Georges Municipal Association. The Committee was ably chaired by Councilman James Cross of Laurel. Mayor Weidenfeld was an active committee member. The negotiations resulting in the bill enacted were between that committee and the County Executive's staff. Mayor Guy Tiberio of Riverdale and President of the Municipal Association, also was actively involved in the negotiations.

Equity to municipal taxpayers to eliminate double taxation for services only provided by the municipal government has been an issue which elected municipal officials throughout the state have been trying to correct for more than 15 years. Richard Pilski, when Mayor, served on the committee of municipal officials that first achieved a tax rebate from the county. The strong support of all city council members over this period of time in Greenbelt and municipal officials statewide was necessary to override the opposition of county officials. State legislation was necessary and all of Greenbelt's members of the General Assembly worked hard to obtain passage.

Equitable tax differential in Prince Georges County required the concerted efforts of many persons over an extended period of time, and credit is due to all who helped.

James K. Giese  
City Manager

**Editor's Note:** While James K. Giese may be correct in saying that this newspaper "failed to give credit to many other persons" for their work on the tax differential legislation, we must take issue with Giese's effort to minimize his own role. A number of city managers were interviewed last year by this newspaper for a story on Giese's 20 years as Greenbelt's city manager. They pointed to Giese's leadership role among them using his tax differential work over the past dozen years as their prime example. We think Manager Giese is too modest.

## At the Library

Exhibits at the Greenbelt Library during the month of December:

Framed Prints for Loan; King Tutankhamen Display — Andrew Singer, Bethesda; Doll House Christmas & Teddy Bears Country Christmas — Betty Harrison, Greenbelt.

All branches of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, Sunday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Dec. 26 for the holidays. Branches will also close on Sunday, Jan. 1 and Monday, Jan. 2. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 3.

The bookmobile will be closed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 9. It will resume its Monday stops in Springhill Lake on Jan. 9.

## Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church  
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410  
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
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Rev. Dr. James Chong Park  
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474-1924

## DRIVER ED REGISTRATION

The Board of Education of Prince Georges County Driver Education School will hold its spring program registration from January 3 through January 11. Anyone interested in registering for programs beginning in January, February, March or April should apply at this time. The registration forms may be obtained at each of the 20 high schools in the county and anyone at least 15 and no more than 17 is eligible.

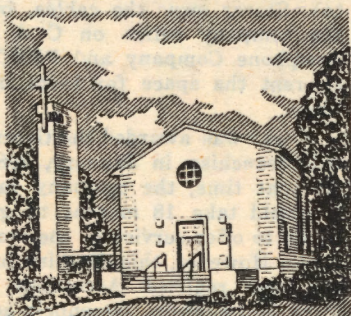
Selection of pupils will be made by birthdate—oldest first. There is a fee, which will be payable on the first day of class.

People who have any questions should call 952-4533.

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December 25  
8 and 10 a.m.  
12 noon

## CONFESSIONS

December 22  
11 a.m. to 12 noon  
December 23  
7 to 9 p.m.  
December 24  
11 a.m. to 12 noon  
1 to 2 p.m.



## Ann E. Norton

Former Greenbelter Ann E. Norton died of multiple sclerosis in Syracuse, New York, on Nov. 23. She lived at 6-L Ridge Road for about 15 years while she was a member of the faculty of the University of Maryland. She moved two years ago to be near her family when her illness made it impossible to continue her work.

She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University. She was a Spanish professor and assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Maryland. She was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and Eta Pi Upsilon senior women's honorary society. Burial was in Syracuse.

## Give-A-Tree Program

The city is repeating a program begun last year to help keep the city green by accepting donated live Christmas trees for planting in city parks. Four residents participated in the program by donating trees which were planted in Attick Park.

Residents who buy a live tree for their Christmas tree can donate the tree to the city and it will be planted in one of the city's parks. The tree will then become a lasting gift to the community and a contribution to Greenbelt's greenspace. Donations to the City of Greenbelt are tax deductible.

For those persons interested in participating in this program, the city's parks superintendent recommends the purchase of the following trees for this program, as they will survive well in Greenbelt's climate: white pine, Douglas fir, Norway spruce, Scotch pine or Canadian hemlock. After Christmas, the trees will be collected by the parks division and planted in a city park. Records will be kept so that contributors can later identify their trees.

Anyone interested in this program or wanting more information may call 474-8004.

## Mobile Crime Watch

Three mobile crime watch programs are now in operation in the city. The program in Lake-wood, which was organized after a meeting on Nov. 22, is now in operation. In addition, Greenbriar Phase I residents have instituted a mobile crime watch. The Greenbriar Phase III crime watch has been in existence for more than 18 months.

Citizens interested in learning more about crime prevention and how to participate in these or other activities can attend training sessions, which are scheduled as follows: Jan. 5, Community Room, above the drug store in Springhill Lake; Jan. 9, Greenbriar Community Room in the Greenbriar Community Bldg.; Jan. 10, Board Room of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., offices on Hamilton Place. All these meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

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To listen to the music of the Youth, Junior, and Confirmation Choirs  
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Pre-service music begins at 9:30 PM  
Choral Music by Adult, Youth, Men's and Women's Ensemble Choirs  
Christmas message at both services by Pastor Birner

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11:15 AM Festival Communion Service  
Messages by Pastor Birner  
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## Our Neighbors

Center Elementary Kindergarten and First Graders toured the decorated Youth Center on December 8 and were surprised by a visit from Santa. He had a treat for each of the 250 youngsters.

Four Greenbelt residents have been included in this year's edition of *The National Dean's List*, a publication honoring those top college students recognized by their schools for their academic excellence. The students so selected represent half of one percent of the more than 8 million college students in the country. The honorees are Richard L. Leahy, Jr., Hanover Parkway (U. of Md., College Park); Elizabeth A. Phelps, Hanover Parkway (Ohio Wesleyan University); Marc H. Shishima, Breezewood Drive (Howard University); and Bela Mehra, Springhill Drive (U. of Md., Eastern Shore).

Thanks to the 38 individuals and businesses who donated to the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" Drive on December 10 at the Utopia Theater. Organized by "Dee" Raley, a former Greenbelter and currently a supervisor in the Rental Office at Springhill Lake Apartments, the drive netted a number of large, plastic bags full of toys for needy children. The donations were accepted by Sgt. Marcos Cabrales.

Included were many hand-made, stuffed dolls that were first judged in three categories by Ra-

ley, her mother-in-law, Louise Edinger of Green Ridge House, and a Cultural Arts Center volunteer. Winners were Terri Rosenthal (largest doll), Mary Dickey (cutest doll), and Nancy Knoll (most unique doll). Second and third prizes in the categories went to Karol Brotherton, Mary Dickey, Laura Raley, and Mindy Small. The Cultural Arts Center plans to repeat the toy collection and doll contest next year, and hundreds of FREE doll patterns are available for those groups or individuals who would like to pledge their involvement in next year's activities. Those interested may call 345-2454 for information.

Greenbelt's population swelled a bit these past two weekends as a total of 815 people attended the four performances of "The Nutcracker" ballet at the Utopia Theater.

Our best wishes for a complete recovery from surgery for former Greenbelter Andrew Keller, who is resting at Walter Reed Hospital. He and Ann, long-time Olivewood Court residents, recently moved to North Carolina. Ann is staying with a daughter in Beltsville for the time being.

Very glad to hear that Linda Fisher and Amy Derin, of Windsor Green, escaped with only whiplash injuries from their frightening encounter with a

tractor-trailer on a rainy evening recently. We wish them a quick recovery.

Congratulations to Karol Westelink of Charlestowne Village on her recent election to the Board of Trustees of the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at their annual conference recently in Oregon. Prince Georges County 4-H Program Coordinator at the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service since 1980, Karol has held several national posts in the national 4-H organization.

### Christmas Trash Disposal

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1983, a city refuse truck will be parked in the public parking lot behind the Suburban Bank office on Centerway from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for residents who want to dispose of their gift wrappings and other trash.

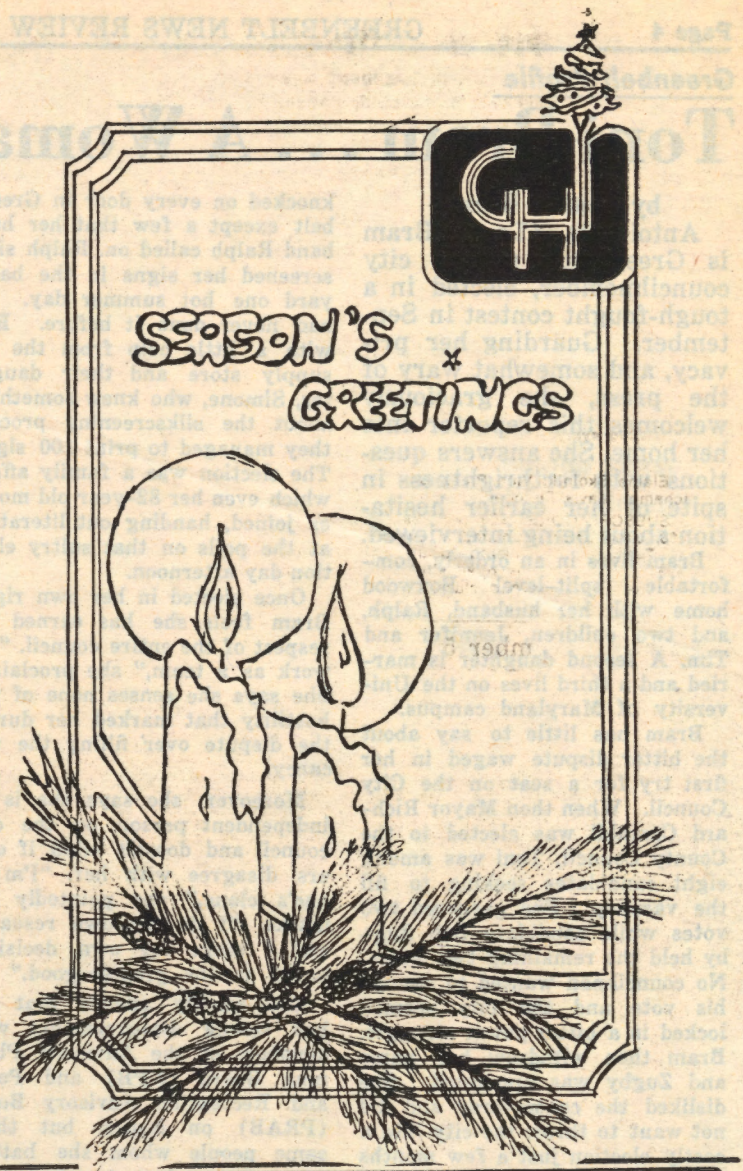
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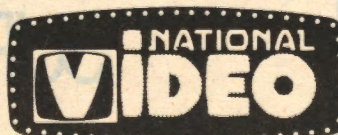


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## Greenbelt Profile

## Toni Bram ... A Woman on Council

by Sandra Barnes

Antoinette (Toni) Bram is Greenbelt's newest city councilmember, elected in a tough-fought contest in September. Guarding her privacy, and somewhat wary of the press, she graciously welcomes this reporter into her home. She answers questions with forthrightness in spite of her earlier hesitation about being interviewed.

Bram lives in an orderly, comfortable split-level Boxwood home with her husband, Ralph, and two children, Jennifer and Tim. A second daughter is married and a third lives on the University of Maryland campus.

Bram has little to say about the bitter dispute waged in her first try for a seat on the City Council. When then Mayor Richard Castaldi was elected to the County Council, Toni was among eight candidates seeking to fill the vacancy. She garnered two votes while candidate Bob Zugby held the remaining two votes. No councilman wanted to change his vote and the city seemed locked in a bitter power struggle. Bram then withdrew her name and Zugby was appointed. She disliked the controversy and did not want to throw the city into a costly election just a few months before the regular election was to be held, she says.

It wasn't until May or June, she recalls, that friends encouraged her to run for the city council and she seriously considered the matter. This would be her very first try at political office in her own right. Previously, she had worked in the campaigns of others, had served on a host of committees, had performed numerous volunteer jobs — from washing dishes at a St. Hugh's pot luck to coaching the Boys and Girls Club basketball team — as well as being on the city's Advisory Planning Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board — that convinced her she knew enough people and had enough experience to be elected. Nevertheless, she feels that "It is hard for a woman to run for anything." Look at the city, she gestures and exclaims, "It's run almost entirely by men!"

She was elected in a campaign that cost \$1500. She had no mailouts. Family members were her biggest contributors. She

knocked on every door in Greenbelt except a few that her husband Ralph called on. Ralph silk-screened her signs in the backyard one hot summer day. He had never done it before. But, with a little help from the art supply store and their daughter, Simone, who knew something about the silkscreening process they managed to print 100 signs. The election was a family affair, which even her 82-year old mother joined, handing out literature at the polls on that sultry election day afternoon.

Once elected in her own right, Bram feels she has earned the respect of the entire council. "We work as a team," she proclaims. She says she senses none of the hostility that marked her during the dispute over filling the vacancy.

Moreover, she says she is an independent person on the city council and doesn't mind if others disagree with her. "I'm no one's clone," she pointedly remarks. "I do my own research and I make my own decisions based on the greater good."

She readily admits that she had strong disagreements with members of the Advisory Planning Board (APB) and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) on issues, but those same people whom she battled were among her strongest supporters when she decided to run for the city council, she notes.

There are significant issues facing the city, she says. "The inter-county connector is not dead," and she fears the traffic congestion that would ensue if that highway ever permanently resurrects itself. She is concerned about development and quality control, and air pollution in Greenbelt, noting that it was so high this year that for the first time Greenbelt was regularly mentioned by the Council of Governments for hazardous air quality.

The dog issue she feels was "overblown by people who are afraid of dogs and cats." But she admits that rabies is a most serious problem, and a stronger ordinance is needed for that reason alone.

## Activist

Bram seems to typify the formula for a Greenbelt activist. A native of Washington, she lived in a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. frame home on Plateau Place when she

and Ralph were first married. They moved around the country and abroad for several years while Ralph was being transferred from one job to another. Then the family returned to Greenbelt. She has been active in numerous volunteer organizations.

She had graduated from college, but over the years had taken courses in Rome, Italy; San Diego, California; Lafayette, Ind. — to the family's second and design — whatever interested her at the time. Finally, after coming back to Greenbelt the last time — in the family's second home in Boxwood (they sold the first one when they moved briefly to Florida, coming back to buy the house next door), she decided she would pursue a degree in urban studies at the University of Maryland at night. She did this and graduated summa cum laude. Then she enrolled in graduate school during the day, working toward a history degree because that's where her real interests lie. The election forced her to drop out for a semester.

She enjoys school, but feels that even at the University of Maryland, women — particularly older women — are discriminated against. She resents the patronizing air of some male professors but says she will not be deterred from earning her degree.

Does she aspire to any other office? "I'm not a political person," she proclaims. She enjoys being on the city council. But she also wants to protect her privacy — difficult to achieve when one lives in a small town and is a public figure.

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## Soccer News

by Sue Cornelius

Practice has ended, kickers have stopped kicking, tournaments are over, and the cold weather is serious.

Several teams were invited to participate in local tournaments during November, and Greenbelt proved to be a tough competitor at all levels. Greenbelt 2 (6 year olds) won 2nd place in the New Carrollton tournament, and Stevie Klem scored all goals. Michael O'Brien and Keith Davenport did an excellent job as goalies, and David Lehman played a strong sweeper position. Our 8's won third place by winning their second game in a shoot-out 1-0, with Shawn Haines performing

like a champ in the stressful goalie role. The 13's (formed from 12 and 13 year old County teams) won 2nd place in the same tournament. Jimbo Barron scored twice and Steffan Sonneveldt scored once. Our 13 Interleague came in 4th place, and should be awarded something special for their perseverance and good spirits. They played with fewer than 11 players, not only in the tournament, but throughout the season as well. Our 11-year-old team won 2nd place by beating Beltsville 1-0. John Stringfellow scored the goal on a fantastic header from a corner kick. Colin Joseph scored in the second game from right wing, and Michelle Farley and the other girls had an incredible game against an all male team.

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### Learn About GHI

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On October 21, Mr. and Mrs. Haluy S. Scauder of Cairo, Egypt received four hours of intensive training about the cooperative. Scauder is Project Manager of the Joint Housing Project Agency of the Ministry of Housing. The agency plans to build and operate as a cooperative 33,000 housing units in Cairo.

Jesse Jones of the Cooperative Housing Foundation of Washington, D.C. arranged the Scauder's visit to GHI. GHI President Margaret Hogensen, General Manager Shekar Narasimhan, Assistant General Manager Gary Morning-side, and Executive Assistant for Member Relations Joan Freeman provided information and training. The group toured Greenbelt and visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hinson on Eastway.

On September 16, a delegation of six Italians and their interpreters came from Lega Nazwhace Cooperative Italia. Most of the visitors were from the University of Bologna in Bologna, Italy. They viewed the GHI slide show and GHI homes, going inside Rayetta Henson's brick home on Ridge Road. Staff members Freeman, Member Services Coordinator Maureen Osborne and Information Specialist Leta Mach answered their questions.

### GHI NOTES

The GHI office will be closed Monday, December 26 for the holiday.

The Fiscal Department has sent out letters about members' charges for 1984. Anyone who did not receive a letter should call the Fiscal Department 474-6011).

GHI has prepared a pamphlet on current member services. Those who wish a copy may obtain one from the GHI receptionist.

### Basketball Team

#### Moves to Semi-Finals

The Greenbelt 1971 (13-year-olds) Basketball Team tipped off its 1983-84 season with an impressive 40-24 win over Hyattsville in the opening round of the Langley Park Christmas Tournament. Greenbelt thus advances to the semi-final round December 27 against either Columbia or District Heights.

Leading the way against Hyattsville was Jimmy Barron's 15 points and 5 steals, while Pat Conrad, Shawn Luddy, and Allyn Lane controlled both backboards with a total of 19 rebounds.

Team members are Frank Campbell, Pat Conrad, Joel Cahalan, John Adams, Allyn Lane, George Clinedinst, Chuck Lorenzetti, and Bob Asmussen, with Jesse Cho, Shawn Luddy, and Jim Barron elected as tri-captains.

## Safety Tip

Persons are also reminded that between Thanksgiving and the end of the year there is an increase in alcohol-related accidents. There will be increased patrols during this period. Motorists should obey the speed limits, use their safety belts, and not drink and drive.

### Portion of Lake Path To Close Temporarily

The path around Greenbelt Lake between Pinecrest Court and Lakeview Circle will be dug up through January 13 to allow improvements to the water system for residents of Lakeview Circle, Maplewood Court, Olive-wood Court and Pinecrest Court. The contractor is using the path to avoid cutting through the wooded areas near the lake and possible loss of trees. The cooperation and patience of path users during this period is appreciated.

### Road Runner Races

The annual DC Road Runners 10 and 20 mile running races will be held Monday, December 26 at 10 a.m., starting at Braden Field. The course starts at the tennis courts, down the path through St. Hugh's parking lot, right on Crescent, then left on Northway, left on Ridge, right on Research down the hill and right on Beaver Dam, pass under Baltimore-Washington tunnel, pass Soil Conservation one mile and turn around. That is five miles. The course is repeated for 20 miles. The course record is 1:46:46 by Coty Pinckney of South Carolina in 1978. Laura DeWald of Arlington, Va. set the U.S. women's record of 2:00:39 in 1982 on this certified course.

Age group awards will be given in both the 10 and 20 mile races. All Greenbelt finishers will receive an award in all races. There is also a 1 1/4 mile run around the lake starting at 10:05. There is also a 1 1/4 mile run Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department co-sponsor these races.

Applications are being accepted for entry into the Washington's Birthday Marathon of 26.2 miles to be held on Sunday, February 19, 1984. This race will start at 10:30 a.m. at the NASA Recreation Center. The Greenbelt Running Club and the Greenbelt Recreation Department have been sponsoring this race for many years. For further information call Larry Noel, 474-9362.

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As we approach the New Year, let us reflect upon the past year and consider what we did that was right and good, and how we can continue to do so in the New Year, and what we did that was unsatisfactory and wrong, and how we can do better in the future. We, the elected and appointed officials, the employees and the volunteers of the City of Greenbelt, pledge ourselves to continue our efforts to better ourselves and the quality of life in Greenbelt.

At this time of the year it gives us great pleasure to wish one and all a joyful holiday season and a peaceful and successful New Year.

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# Holiday Inn Opens For Business

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pany's fourth hotel in the Washington, D.C. area. Recently its Ramada Hotel of Lanham received the top Ramada Hotel award.

James Hoyt, former assistant general manager of the Ramada, is Holiday Inn's general manager.

Worldwide there are 1,700 Holiday Inns with 1,500 located in the United States.

## VIP Night

With melodies from a nearby piano providing sweet background music, about 380 guests entered the hotel's lobby on November 17. Pumping hands while greeting their guests were Neil Coakley, chairman of the board, and Fred Williams, president. Also on the receiving line was John S. Rutherford, senior vice-president of Sunstates.

Most of the invitees were potential users of the hotel—officers and representatives of corporations, businesses, nearby colleges and federal installations. Holiday Inn officials point out that "we are only 12 miles from the Capital's center and on superhighways radiating in all directions, making points-of-interest simple to reach."

Sales and Marketing Director Brian Mestach, upbeat about the hotel's future, said that "already 92 double-doubles have been booked for the Cherry Blossom Parade, and in May 425 safety patrols from Clifton, N.J. will be our guests."

The hotel, he added, will be the official hotel for the 1985

Knights of Columbus bowling tournament and a participating hotel in the 1984 Jehovah's Witnesses conference. Connections with two motor coach associations is expected to draw large groups to the hotel, which employs over 200 persons, some Greenbelters.

Mestach accompanied this reporter on a tour of the hotel. From the mauve/tan/cream lobby, where a computerized reader's board rolls out messages and activities of interest, we explored the first floor. Brightening up the walls of the long hallways at spaced intervals were columns of art deco styling.

The administrative offices, check-in check-out desks, a gift and notions shop and 10 combination meeting and sleeping rooms with "seco" beds that fold into the wall are located on the first level.

The hotel can accommodate meetings, conferences, parties and social and business functions of up to 40 guests. Recently the Greenbelt City Council hosted its legislative dinner in one of the two larger conference and board room suites on the seventh floor.

All guest rooms feature oversized beds, space-age designer decors and cable TV service with HBO. The furniture is Danish-modern and custom built. Earth tones dominate. The hotel is equipped with the State of the Art Fire Detector Sprinkler System. Smoke detectors and sprinklers are in each room. In the event of fire, a voice broadcasts a warning and instructions directly into each room. There is also computer monitoring of the heat and airconditioning systems.

## Celebrations

Most of the action for the evening was in Celebrations, where

a sumptuous buffet table, laden with the chef's specialties, was the star attraction. Popular also was the bar with its flashing colored lights and overhead skylight. Entertainment was provided by Bob Jennets, who is appearing every Tuesday night at the restaurant/lounge.

Live piano music is featured every evening during Happy Hour. There is also nightly dancing to music provided by a disc jockey.

A game room and pool-changing rooms are located on the lower level.

Holiday Inn's reception for secretaries on November 15 was attended by employees of area corporations and business firms. Af-

ter their introduction to the hotel in April, the secretaries formed a club, "Celebrations." Members are entitled to special privileges at the hotel. The lucky winner of a Hawaii vacation for two at the reception was Kathy Senge of Litton Amecom of College Park.

The Holiday Inn and Celebrations Restaurant and Lounge joins Maryland Trade Center Office Building I in the Maryland Trade Center Park, where Maryland Trade Center II is now under construction. The 173,000 square-foot, 12-story office tower is slated for completion in the summer of 1984. A third office building of 19 stories and 230,000 square feet is planned for development in 1985. Construction is dependent on the extension of Hanover Parkway to Good Luck Road and other road improvements.

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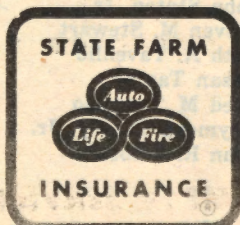
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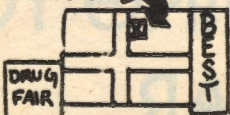
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The December 5, "Season of Peace Reception", hosted by the Greenbelt Peace Committee in the Greenbelt Library, was an opportunity to bring together concerned members of the community to discuss a variety of social issues. Topics ranged from nuclear war to public education. Fifteen citizens plus two visitors from Denmark and Holland enjoyed homemade cookies and cakes while viewing a puppet show on conflict resolution. A number of projects were planned for 1984:

A Spring seminar on one important social/peace topic (to be determined); Peace study groups that would meet informally in homes; Involvement in the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival; and Development of a "telephone tree" to alert citizens and congresspeople regarding peace concerns, educational opportunities, etc.

The Committee meets the second Thursday of each month. Anyone who would like to know more about the above projects or other GPC activities, should contact Jim Parker 345-9573 or Rebecca Williams (474-6265).

## Painting Class for Seniors

Senior citizens can learn various watercolor painting techniques by taking a free course offered by Prince Georges Community College. Painting I is offered this winter at the Springhill Lake Community House beginning the week of January 16 and ending March 29.

Pre-registration is required and ends three days prior to the class starting date. For a complete schedule of classes and additional information, please call 322-0158.

## Child Safety Seat Law

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## Police Blotter

compiled from Information furnished by the Greenbelt Police Department

Officer Alan J. Riskin arrested a local resident on Dec. 18 in the Centerway area for indecent exposure and two counts of fourth degree sexual offense (grabbing and touching). Miscellaneous other charges were also lodged against the man.

On Dec. 14 two breaking and entering cases occurred in which lingerie and jewelry were stolen. These incidents occurred on Eastway and in the 56 Court of Crescent Road. Two earlier cases in which lingerie was stolen occurred on Dec. 11.

A burglary occurred in the 6100 block of Breezewood Dr. between 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 1 a.m. on the 17th. The thief pried open a bedroom window and stole a video cassette recorder and tapes.

Articles were stolen from an auto at Springhill Court and Springhill Dr.

Forced entry was made into a home in the 41 Court of Ridge Rd. on Dec. 16 but nothing was reported stolen. During the night of Dec. 15 a business in Beltway Plaza was entered, apparently without force, and cash was stolen.

On Dec. 15, two thefts were reported at Greenbelt Middle School, where a camera and equipment and cash were stolen in the separate incidents.

A 1981 Kawasaki 550 motorcycle, Md. registration 158, 569, was stolen on Dec. 13. The motorcycle is red with a black seat.

Sgt. Herbert L. Faulconer, who is retiring at the end of this month, received an Honorable

## CITY NOTES

City Manager James K. Giese attended a bon voyage party for Dr. Paul Putnam, Director of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) and Dr. Jerrell Powell, Assistant Director of BARC on Dec. 8. The affair was held at the log cabin at the research center and was attended by several hundred employees of the center, as well as representatives of a number of organizations on which Dr. Putnam had served.

At present, the status of the North End School is in the hands of the State. It is expected the State will approve release of the North End School at a meeting around January 15, 1984. If approval is given, the county will proceed to turn it over to the city.

Representatives from WSSC and their contractor met with George Smith and John Emler to discuss plans for the tie-in of the main WSSC water line with Pinecrest Ct., Olivewood Ct., Maplewood Ct., and Lakeview Circle. This project, which is scheduled to start soon, will eliminate the rusty water problem residents on these streets have experienced.

The paint crew from Prince Georges County painted 5.1 miles of center line in various areas of the city this week.

Service certificate, a retirement plaque and a gold badge on Dec. 14. The presentation was made by Chief William T. Lane, who thanked Sgt. Faulconer for his 32 years of service to the city of Greenbelt and extended best wishes for his retirement years.

Chief Lane and all members of the department extend their best wishes for a safe and happy holiday to all residents of Greenbelt.

## DAVA Brings Christmas To Area Nursing Homes

The Geo. H. Seal Mem. Unit #23 of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary held a Christmas dinner meeting on Dec. 8 at the Greenbelt American Legion Home. Guest of honor was Ruth McDaniel, Dept. DAVA Commander. Pat DeMartini, Dept. Sr. V.C., Mary Forester, Dept. Jr. V.C., Lucy Johnson, Past Dept. Cmdr. DAVA, Ken Lewallen, Dept. DAV Cmdr. and Joe Kane, Dept. Sr. DAV V. Cmdr. were also present. After greetings by the Dept. Commanders, the members retired to their respective meetings. Both the Dept. Cmdr. and the Dept. Sr. V.C. stressed the importance of membership in the organization.

On Dec. 10, Santa and his DAVA-DAV helpers entertained the residents of the Greenbelt Nursing Home. During the annual party gifts were given out and refreshments served. Following that party the group also presented presents and refreshments at the Sylvan Manor Nursing Home.

On Dec. 13, the Washington Veterans Administration Hospital Center was the site of the Chapter and Unit's annual Christmas party. The patients were entertained in the auditorium by a dance school troop. The DAV-DAVA prepared a buffet. Santa (DAV member John Yourishin) was present to distribute goodies to the patients.

The January DAVA meeting will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 5 at the Greenbelt American Legion Home.

## Recreation Review

### Holiday Hours

Hours will be extended to the public, at both the Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center during the holiday season. Facilities will be open as follows:

Friday, Dec. 23, 3:30 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 25, 1 p.m.-10 p.m.; Monday, Dec. 26, through Thursday, Dec. 29, 12 noon-10 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 30, 12 noon-11 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 1, 1 p.m.-10 p.m.; Monday, Jan. 2, noon-10 p.m.

### Volleyball and Roller Skating Programs

The Recreation Department's Volleyball and Roller Skating programs, held at Greenbelt Center Elementary School, will recess over the Christmas holiday. Activities will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

## Fire & Rescue Review

by April Walker

Kerosene heaters, while providing needed warmth, can be hazardous if used improperly. Kerosene heaters are legal in all occupant-owned free-standing homes and also in one and two-family occupant-owned townhouses if there is a fire wall between every other occupant. In rented occupancies, written permission must be given by the owner. Greenbelt Homes' policy bans the use of the heaters.

The following rules should be used. Heaters should never be used in small unventilated rooms or near any flammable objects, or around small unsupervised children. All family members should know safe operating techniques, and manufacturers' instructions should be followed exactly. Heaters should be refilled outdoors, and moved carefully when they are full of kerosene.

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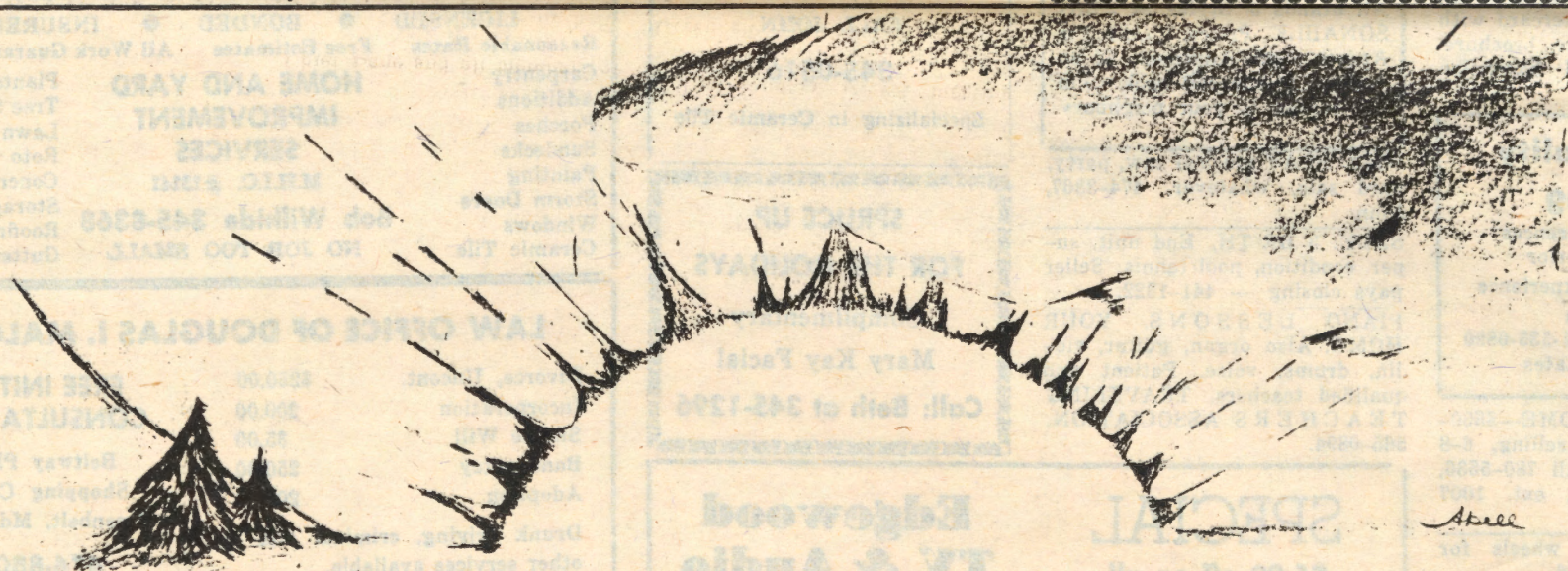
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